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## Text of The Treaty

**United States Senate Passes Proposed Hay-Pauncefote Agreement.**

**Decides That No Fortifications Shall Be Erected Commanding Canal.**

**And It Shall Enjoy Immunity From Attack in Time of War.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—After spending the greater part of the fortnight in considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850, the Senate today consumed an hour and ten minutes in amending and ratifying it. During this time there were six roll calls. The first five of the roll calls were on amendments offered by individual senators, and the last one on the resolution to ratify the treaty as amended. All the amendments except those offered by Senator Foraker and supported by the committee on foreign relations, were voted down by majorities averaging about 19. The ratification resolution was adopted by a vote of 55 to 18. The senate was in executive session for about an hour before the time of voting arrived, listening to speeches by Senators Thurston, Gallinger, Walcott and Bard, explanatory of their attitude. All amendments suggested having been acted upon and those of the committee adopted, Senator Allen asked for the reading of the treaty as amended. This request was complied with and the vote was taken on the treaty itself. The treaty is as follows:

The United States of America and Her Majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, being desirous to facilitate the construction of a ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to that end to remove any objection which may arise out of the convention of April 19th, 1850, commonly called the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, to the construction of such canal under the auspices of the government of the United States without impairing the "general principle" of that convention, have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries the President of the United States, John Hay, secretary of state of the United States of America, and Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, the Right Hon. Lord Pauncefote, K. C. B., G. C. M. G., Her Majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the United States, who, having communicated to each other their full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon the following articles:

Article 1. It is agreed that the canal may be constructed under the auspices of the government of the United States, either directly at its own cost or by gift or loan of money, to individuals or corporations or through subscriptions to purchase of stock or shares, and that subject to the provisions of the present convention the said government shall have and enjoy, all the rights incident to such construction as well as the exclusive right of providing for the regulation and management of the canal.

Article 2. The high contracting parties, desiring to preserve and maintain the great principle of neutralization established in Article 4111 of the Clayton-Bulwer convention, which convention is hereby superseded, adopt as the basis of such neutralization the following rules, substantially as embodied in the convention between Great Britain and certain other powers signed at Constantinople, October 28th 1858, for the free navigation of the Suez maritime canal, that is to say:

(1.) The canal shall be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, as to vessels of commerce and of war of all nations, on the terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise.

(2.) The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of war be exercised nor any act of hostility be committed within it.

(3.) Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not be permitted to take any stores in the canal, except as far as may be strictly necessary; and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay, in accordance with the regulations in force, and with only such intension as may result from the necessities of the service.

Prizes shall be in all respects subject to the same rules as vessels of war of the belligerents.

(4.) No belligerents shall embark or disembark troops, munitions of war, or warlike materials in the canal, except in case of accidental hindrance of the transit, and in such case the transit shall be resumed with all possible despatch.

(5.) The provisions of this article shall apply to waters adjacent to the canal within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than 24 hours at any one time, except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as soon as possible; but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart within 24 hours from the departure of a vessel of war of another belligerent.

It is agreed, however, that the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections Nos. (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this article shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defence of the United States and the maintenance of public order.

(6.) The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed part thereof, for the purpose of this convention, and in time of war as in time of peace shall enjoy complete immunity from attacks or injury by belligerents, and from acts calculated to impair the usefulness of the canal.

(7.) No fortifications shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adjacent. The United States, however, shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be necessary to protect it against lawlessness and disorder.

Article III.—The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the senate thereof, and by Her Britannic Majesty, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington or at London within six months from the date thereof, or earlier if possible.

In faith whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the convention, and thereunto affixed seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

**JOHN HAY,**  
PAUNCEFOTE.  
LONDON OPINION.

London, Dec. 21.—Nearly all the morning papers have editorials on the action of the United States senate in connection with the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty. They express regret rather than surprise at the suppression of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and unanimously declare that it will be impossible for Great Britain to accept the amended treaty.

## More Troops For Africa

### A Large Draft of Mounted Men Will Sail in January.

Treason Court Hurriedly Removed From Colesberg Because of Invaders.

London, Dec. 21.—Since Lord Kitchener's despatch fully confirming the invasion of Cape Colony and expressing a hope not to capture, but only to "drive them north again," not a word has been issued officially as to the situation in South Africa.

Considerable activity is now manifested at Aldershot. A large draft of mounted troops will be ready to start for South Africa on January 6th, while others have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for the same destination.

According to the Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, the treason court, sitting in Colesberg, was obliged hurriedly to remove to Capetown with the records and documents owing to the vicinity of the invading Boers.

"The Colesberg district," says the correspondent, "is seething with anti-British excitement. A resurgence of rebellion is perceptible in the districts immediately south of the Orange river. Tuesday morning a fight was proceeding at Philippstown, presumably with a commando which crossed at Sanddrift.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 18.—(Wednesday.)—General Dewet had 6,000 men and 18,000 horses when he captured Dewetsdorp, according to a gentleman who was imprisoned there. The Boer commander then declared that he was not going to surrender without a free pardon for all his men, including many Cape Dutch. The force of 6,000 is now divided into three sections.

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## Crew of The Alpha

**Twenty-One of Survivors Reach Nanaimo and Tell Their Story.**

**Captain York Lost His Head and Gave Contradictory Orders.**

**Yellow Rock Light Was Seen Long Before the Vessel Struck.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 20.—Twenty-one of the crew of the wrecked Alpha reached this city tonight on the steamer City of Nanaimo. The men say that Yellow Rock light was visible from the Alpha for half an hour before the vessel struck; but Captain York seemed to have lost his bearings when the vessel entered the channel. He was continually yelling "Port," or "Starboard," so that the ship kept twisting and turning in every direction.

She was running under steam five knots an hour reduced from eleven, but the force of the gale added several more knots to her speed. She carried no pilot. The vessel struck with terrific force, recoiled, struck again, rebounded and then sank heavily on the reef, and settled down south of the light at 6:45 p. m.

The captain was seeking an anchorage when he risked entering the channel at that hour. Within 50 feet from where the steamer struck there are 20 fathoms of water. All those drowned were in the rigging of the fore and mainmast and were thrown into the sea with the wreckage when the masts went overboard. They were afraid to venture in small boats or on lines owing to the tremendous sea running. The men declare the captain perished owing to his own folly. He did not attempt to pass a line ashore from the forecastle head.

The men made a formal declaration before a magistrate tonight and were taken charge of by government officials for the night. They go to Vancouver in the morning.

## DUNN NOMINATED.

Has Agreed to Be a Candidate For the Vancouver Mayoralty.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Citizens' Association to-night nominated Thomas Dunn for mayor. He consented to stand. Five hundred business men signed the requisition. Mr. Dunn said the idea was to elect a business council, pledged to get everything they could for Vancouver, and let the business men each get what they could afterwards, as Seattle had done. He said G. McL. Brown said the C. P. R. would not back the C. P. N. or any other corporation who did not put boats on the run to Skagway from Vancouver better than any on the Coast.

A letter from Dodwell & Co. says that three boats of their company will make Vancouver the first and last port of call all season.

## NOTE SIGNED.

Envoys of Powers Affix Their Signatures to the Peking Arrangement.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Cologne Gazette in an article dealing with the Chinese situation announces that all the ministers signed the preliminary joint note today (Thursday), and that the note will be sent immediately to Prince China and Li Hung Chang. It also declares that the note embodies the principles of minimum demands of Germany and the powers, and that it was agreed on the proposal of Great Britain that until the demands were satisfied there should be no withdrawal of the troops from Peking and the province of Chihli.

## ESTERHAZY IN A WORKHOUSE

### Downfall of the Man Accused of Conspiring Against Dreyfus.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Major Count Ferdinand and Vasin Esterhazy, (who figured so prominently in the Dreyfus case and was denounced by Mathieu Dreyfus as being the writer of the famous bordereau which brought about the two convictions of Captain Alfred Dreyfus on the charge of treason), has sunk into utter misery. His divorced wife's suit against her mother, the Marquise de Batencourt, for an allowance on the grounds that she is in profound distress and unable to support or educate her young daughters, has brought forth the following letter, written by the Major to his wife, November 1st:

"I have been unable to write to my children recently, not having the money to buy a postage stamp. I am at last extremely of strength, courage and resources. I have not eaten for two days until this morning in the workhouse. I have no clothes, am shivering with cold and compelled to warm myself by entering churches and museums. Everyone will say this is a confession of guilt; but you can say I am killing myself because of having struggled to the utmost of my courage; my voice is stifled by my persecutors. Without bread, home or clothing, I shall die of privations of all kinds, unless a revolver bullet puts everything in good order. Kiss my children. Tell them I adore them, and if a frightful fatality has put me into an abyss, I die the victim of human cowardice; I never committed the crime whereof I am accused by scoundrels in order to save themselves."

## PAYNE DIVIDEND.

Three Per Cent. Declared For the Quarter, Payable Next Month.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Payne Mining Co. to-day declared a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent., payable January 15.

## A NEW LOAN.

Mr. Fielding's Visit to London Is to Raise Money.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Mr. Fielding's visit to London next year is in connection with the floating of a new loan, to meet obligations accruing before 1903.

A. B. Hudson, former C. P. R. engineer and a member of the employees' board of arbitration, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment to-day for forgery.

## WISE KRUGER.

Knew That a Canadian Could Best Pull the Boers' Teeth.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Word received here to-day says that Dr. Rykert, a native of Durban, Que., who is practising dentistry in Paris, France, has been attending President Kruger.











## The Colonist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1900.

## THE NICARAGUAN CANAL.

We feel very little anxiety on account of the differences between Great Britain and the United States arising out of the amendments made in the Senate at Washington to the treaty affecting the Nicaraguan Canal. There is very little prospect of the treaty as amended being accepted by Great Britain, and this will, as we pointed out a day or two ago, simply leave matters in statu quo. There is a growing opinion in the United States that it will be a serious mistake to insist upon the right to give United States vessels special privileges in the canal or to insist upon being permitted to fortify it. The Panama Canal is much nearer completion than that at Nicaragua. In fact the latter is hardly begun. If the Washington authorities are determined to have a canal of their own across the Isthmus, there doubtless will be united action on the part of the European governments to secure the completion of the work at Panama, and this will be maintained as a neutral waterway by the guarantee of all the European nations. When the extreme individuals in the Senate realize that they may lose more by making special claims for the Nicaraguan canal than they can gain, they will be very likely to accept an arrangement that will lead Great Britain to be unwilling to make any compact with the Continental nations whereby the Panama Canal will be rushed through to completion and maintained as a waterway to the prejudice of the United States.

## A NEW RAILWAY.

The Washington & Oregon Railway company has filed articles of association in the State of Washington. The object is to build and operate a railway between Portland and the Sound cities. The promoters of the enterprise are reticent as to their plans and as to what money will be represented in the undertaking, but the Tacoma Ledger understands that they are associated with the Port Angeles Eastern Railway company. The Ledger thinks the line will be a southern extension of that from Port Angeles, and notes that the persons named in the charter are closely allied in a social and business way with Mr. Virgil G. Bogue, C. E., who recently inspected the proposed route of the Port Angeles road, and afterwards spent some time in Victoria and Nanaimo making inquiries into the business to be developed here. Mr. Bogue was the engineer who located the proposed extension of the Union Pacific from Portland to Seattle, and under his direction it was graded as far as Olympia. During the hard times, when the Union Pacific was in deep water, the grade was sold to the Northern Pacific, and Mr. Bogue, when here, spoke of the sale as a great tactical error on the part of the Union Pacific. The Chehalis Bee-Nugget, commenting on the filing of this memorandum of association, connects it with the Port Angeles Eastern and says that announcements will be made in the course of a few days, which will be most important and satisfactory. The Seattle Times says it is understood that Mr. Bogue will report favorably to his New York clients as to the business which brought him to the Coast. The interest which this has to Victorians, apart from the financial advantage which many of them will derive from an advance in real estate in Port Angeles, lies in the fact that Mr. Bogue seemed disposed to regard the development of Vancouver Island as an important factor in any large railway project to be undertaken by his people.

## SOME FUTURE HISTORY.

"The French and Germans have been removing the astronomical instruments from the walls of Peking."—Associated Press despatch.

"The allied forces burned several temples in the vicinity of Peking to show the Chinese that their faith in their gods is unfounded."—Associated Press despatch.

The above are what we have been reading in the year 1900. In the year 2500 our descendants may read something written after this fashion:

In A. D. 1900 the nations of the West, having taken offence at the determination of the people of China to manage their own affairs, and also being prompted by the cupidity, which led them to invade every country where gold or silver could be found and where there were people who could be induced by force or otherwise to purchase goods from them, sent a combined army to invade the country. China at this time had, under the teachings of Kong-Fut-Ze, become wholly pacific in its political condition, and when left alone maintained its civilization intact. The western nations being crowded in their own narrow countries, and having millions of people so poor that they could not buy the products of those who invented machinery, and also being possessed with a fanatical desire to impose their religion upon others, compelled the Emperor to admit their merchants and their missionaries into the country. The latter gave such great cause for complaint that a patriotic organization was formed to drive them out. The western barbarians thereupon sent great ships and many armed men to attack the Emperor and compel him to punish the patriots. The policy of the Empire having been one of peace, the barbarians were able to possess themselves of the capital, and they began at once to destroy the implements of science which had adorned the walls for centuries and to burn the temples. In all history there was nothing like it since the ancestors of these same

barbarians attacked the ancient empire of Rome and laid waste its cities and all its great works of art and science, and temples to the gods."

It is too soon to write the conclusion of the story that may be told six hundred years from now, but enough has already transpired to make one wonder if possibly the allies in China are not the real barbarians.

## JEWS IN CHINA.

It will surprise most people to be told that there is a Jewish colony in interior China, and still more so to learn that it has been there for probably two thousand years. The colony is located at a place called Kai-Fung Foo, and it once had a beautiful synagogue modelled on the plan of Solomon's Temple. It is thought that the colony was founded about the time of the destruction of the second temple. These Jews have lost all their knowledge of Hebrew, and it is said that their recollection of their religion is very slight. The Rev. Dr. Lowy says he fears they are wholly lost to the Jewish fold, and it is stated that the most prominent man among them at the present time is a Buddhist priest. The greater number of these Jews are now in a degraded position, but there is ample evidence that from this old colony sprang many of the most eminent men whom China has produced. Mr. Marcus Adler says that two centuries ago there were flourishing colonies of Jews in several places in China, and he is under the impression that more than one colony may yet be found in the interior, maintaining the ancient faith unimpaired. During the last half century the Chinese Jews have been intermarrying to some extent with the Chinese, the reason given being that Jewish women are very scarce, but up to fifty years ago it is said that they maintained their racial individuality. There is standing in Kai-Fung Foo an ancient stone monument on which are inscribed the names of Adam, Abraham and Moses and the statement is made that there is yet preserved among the people a scroll of the ancient Mosaic law. A romantic interest attaches to this colony, and efforts are being made to restore connection between it and the rest of the Jewish people.

The Province admits that the smallpox in Vancouver is the same kind that they had in Nanaimo. This is a surprise. To think that the Terminal City must put up with another city's brand of smallpox is humiliating indeed.

It is worth mentioning that the Condor, now en route to Esquimalt, is the little vessel which Lord Charles Bessford ran under the guns at Alexandria, and thereby evoked the signal, "Well done, Condor."

The Toronto Globe has renewed its agitation for a permanent railway commission. There are many things to be said in favor of such a department of the government, and the idea is understood to have some warm friends in the cabinet.

An exchange expresses surprise that W. J. Bryan should have refused to edit a yellow paper for \$25,000 a year. How could the champion of the white metal be expected to have anything to do with yellow journalism?

A Cobble Hill subscriber wishes us to settle a controversy as to the number of residents of Victoria, giving the relative population of white people and Chinese. We fear that we cannot do so. No two people agree as to the number of Chinese, but the sanitary inspector is now enumerating them for the information of the Chinese commission, and when he gets through with his labors it will be possible to answer the question with something like accuracy. Our estimate of the total resident population made nearly a year ago was 27,000. There has been an increase since then.

The Nanaimo Herald wants a railway ferry to Vancouver, a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island, and a branch line to Alberni. When it gets these things the Herald thinks that Nanaimo will be the great centre on the Island. That is a plucky way to talk, and we can assure the Herald that the people of Victoria will work hand in hand with their neighbors to advance all projects calculated to open the Island. After that we will engage in friendly rivalry to see who can coral most of the business. But what has Lady Smith to say of the claims of any place to be the centre of anything?

During the present year nearly \$300,000 were expended in new buildings in Nelson. This is more than was expended last year, and the Tribune says that the number of houses is nearly double. This shows that there is great growth in the residential section. Next year Nelson will witness the construction of a new Post Office and Custom House, which will cost about \$75,000. Judging from the Tribune's pictures, it will be a fine-looking structure. The people of Victoria will be glad to learn of the prosperity of the Kootenay city.

The Toronto Globe says: "We must stand up to our work of nation-building, set the Little Canada idea in the background, and understand that a man who pleads for a generous policy for the West is not necessarily a political spendthrift and a waster of the people's money for mere personal or party objects." This is very good, and we hope it will be exhibited by the Globe's political friends in something more than words. But we wish to add that money expended in nation-building in the West will pay the country as a financial proposition. The federal revenue will be fully recouped for every dollar paid out in projects for the development of the West along legitimate lines.



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The Toronto Mail and Empire objects to certain expenditures in Prince Edward Island, on the ground that Ontario provides the money. This claim is worth a little investigation, for it is often made. Indeed, when the Conservatives were in, the Liberals made it, and now that the Liberals are in, the Conservatives make it. As a matter of fact, it is not a good claim. The place where duties and excise are collected in the Eastern provinces cuts very little figure in estimating the relative contributions of those provinces to the federal exchequer. To ascertain these it would be necessary to find out what portion of the dutiable or excisable goods imported or produced in the several Eastern centres of trade is consumed in each province, and this cannot be ascertained. The people of the Eastern provinces average about alike—that is the English-speaking people—in the general standard of living, and hence they contribute about equally, man for man, to the treasury. Hence the small amount of duties collected in Prince Edward Island is not a just test of the contribution of the people of that province to the Dominion, for they buy large quantities of dutiable goods upon which duties were paid in Halifax, St. John, Montreal and Toronto. They also buy largely of goods manufactured in Ontario. The case of British Columbia is different, and this is why we refer to the subject. British Columbia imports practically nothing that is sent East, but it purchases in the East consid-

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## COWICHAN COUNCIL.

At Last Meeting of the Year Reeve Evans Is Thanked.

Cowichan, Dec. 19.—On Saturday last the municipal council met for the last time in the year 1900. Bills totalling over \$500 were passed by the finance committee, and the by-law establishing the road from Duncan to the long trestle and the one from Somenos to Mount Sicker was reconsidered and finally passed. Messrs. J. H. Whitcomb and J. Norcross were appointed auditors and returning officer, respectively, and it was decided to hold the public meeting of the taxpayers in the council chamber at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 5.

When the business of the year had been wound up, Councillor W. C. Duncan proposed a vote of thanks to the Reeve, speaking highly of his regularity, punctuality and business ability. He also warmly praised his favorable courtesy, which had done so much towards securing the harmony which had characterized their meetings throughout the year. Councillor A. B. Herd said that, as the youngest member of the council, he claimed the privilege of seconding the motion. He expressed all that Mr. Duncan had said, and so admirable had been the feeling existing among them that, though a councillor's duties were arduous and trying, yet the hours he had spent in that room by the side of the Reeve were among the pleasantest of the year. The clerk put the motion, which was carried with enthusiasm.

The Reeve, Mr. J. N. Evans, thanked the council for their kind words, and had simply tried to do his duty, above all things endeavoring to keep always in mind the fact that he represented the whole municipality, and to avoid the slightest partiality as he would the plague. His private affairs were more than enough to occupy all his time and energy, but he thought every man should do what he could to serve his district, and if called upon to fill the chair for another year would not shrink his duty.

The licensing commissioners, Messrs. D. Alexander, D. McPherson and J. Norcross, had before them six applications for renewal. As Chief Licensing Inspector, Logan reported favorably in each case, they were all granted.

A Christmas tree entertainment will be given by the children and friends in Seamen's school on Friday.

The many friends of Mr. H. Grievie, of the Quamichan hotel, are much pleased to learn that he is steadily recovering from his serious illness.

For some weeks past there has been quite a controversy in the columns of the local news sheet, the Enterprise, regarding the municipal roads. Public discussion, if carried on without acrimony or personalities, must always be beneficial, for the mistakes may make mistakes, the most careful may err. But any candid observer, who remembers what our roads were ten or a dozen years ago, will admit that great progress has been made. That both council and road inspector have served the public faithfully and made good use of the funds at their disposal, the following facts will show. Put in a nutshell—there are over seventy miles of municipal roads, besides streets in Duncan and Chemainus, and every year some new road is opened or extended to accommodate the increasing population. Up to last year the annual bridges available for roads, streets and bridges never exceeded two thousand dollars. Yet visitors to the district are about unanimous in praising the condition of the roads. The municipality does not owe a cent, and it is the lightest taxed community in British Columbia to-day.

The best that money can buy should be your aim in choosing a medicine, and that is Food's Sarsaparilla. It cures when others fail.

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Gent's Bill Wallets.....\$1.00 to \$5.00  
Ladies' Leather Dressing Cases.....\$2.50 to \$25.00  
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Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes.....  
Leather Writing cases.....\$1.00 to \$15.00  
Leather Photo Frames.....50c to \$2.50  
Safety Lock Ink Wells.....40c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00  
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One of the newest gloves for men is medium shades of greys and tans. We have them—genuine French.....\$1.75 pair  
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posses and surrendered them to the Dominion government.

Finally in the act of incorporation of the city of Vancouver, the boundaries were shown to extend to the Dominion government military reserve.

Adjournment was then taken for lunch to resume at 2 o'clock.

After lunch Mr. George Turner was called to the witness stand and told of his instructions and work in platting the reserve.

To this Mr. Duff at once raised the objection that before the circuiting of the work of locating the reserve could be gone into it was necessary to prove that by proclamation or otherwise a reserve had been created. After considerable argument the judge overruled the objection. A map was then produced, but it was claimed that the one produced was not the one that was wanted, and a demand was then made for the original map of Mr. Turner's work, which was alleged to have been filed here as well as in England. Mr. Johns of the department of public works, was called on the matter of these maps and while deposing that there were certain maps of the parts in question in the provincial office, he could not be sure about the alleged original in question.

All this took up a long time, Messrs. Peters and Duff being on their mettle regarding technicalities, and the afternoon was well nigh ended before an adjournment was made until 11 o'clock this morning, to permit of further search being made for the plan in question.

In the barristers' robing rooms it was suggested after the adjournment that from the shape the issue was assuming, the title to Stanley park as well as the little islet in its lap was at stake, and that should the claim of the provincial authorities be maintained, that beautiful domain upon the improvement of which the city of Vancouver has already spent \$75,000 would become a part of the crown lands of the province.

High Water.—The water in Shawnigan Lake was reported to be exceptionally high yesterday, rising within a few inches of the sawmill boiler.

Early Salaries.—All the employees of the corporation will receive their salaries for December tomorrow, thus being provided with funds for Christmas.

Fences Down.—On Wednesday night the wind did considerable damage to a number of fences in the city. The Central school fence suffered most, for about 50 feet of it was blown down. The fences of several residences in the neighborhood were also damaged.

Back in Jail.—"Old" Shakespeare is back in the city lock-up, having been taken to the city hall by a constable in a manner as marked his departure from the Jubilee hospital. The old man is detained, and has to be cared for.

Patients' Christmas.—The annual Christmas donations of all kinds were thankfully received at the Jubilee Hospital, or if interested donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the house steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gift.

Received a Shock.—While at work in the city electric light station, Walter Wrigglesworth, lamp trimmer, received a severe shock by touching a live wire. He was unable to loosen his hold until he fell and his weight tore his hands loose. His hands were badly burned.

Schools Closing.—Today the following schools will close for the Christmas holidays: The High School, Victoria West, Hillside, South Park and Boy's Central close in the morning. The only proceedings at the High school will be the reading of the promotion lists, and there will be no closing exercises at the Victoria West and South Park schools. A concert will be given in connection with the closing exercises of the Girls' Central school at 2:30. The closing exercises of the Kingston Street school will begin at 2 o'clock. The North Ward school will close in the afternoon with exercises. The schools will be visited by the trustees as follows: Victoria West, Mrs. Wm. Grant; Central school, Mr. Drury; North Ward and Hillside, Mrs. Gordon Grant; and Mrs. McCandless; South Park and Spring Ridge, Mr. Brown; Kingston street, South Park and Central, Mr. Belyea. The chairman will act as a "free lance" visitor, for he will not be bound down to any particular school.

Auctioneer Hardaker will hold his last sale at his auction rooms at 2 p. m. prior to his taking a well earned vacation for a couple of months. This sale will be well worth attending, as it includes a great variety of good general household furniture and effects and a quantity of merchandise, and notice being given that everything will be sold regardless of what the price may be.

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## VICTORIA TIMES.

By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt Dry Dock.

Thursday, Dec. 20.		Friday, Dec. 21.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
4:00 a m.	9.0 feet.	5:00 p.m.	9.4 feet.
7 30 a.m.	8.1 feet.	8:15 p.m.	8.2 feet.
12 21 p.m.	9.6 feet.	12:30 p.m.	9.7 feet.
8 00 p.m.	15 feet	8:10 p.m.	1.3 feet.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Air-Tight Heaters at Cheapside.  
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Furniture novelties are a most acceptable gift—always useful and appropriate. Weiler Bros. have imported several carloads especially for the holiday trade.

Campaign Results.—If you wagered a hat on the result of the recent political contest, come or send the winner where he can get the largest assortment, the newest styles and the best values. He will get a comfortable, becoming hat if you direct him to George R. Jackson, 57 Government street.

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Dandierine, the infallible hair restorer, has arrived. Also Pompadour Rolls, Switches, etc., in great variety, at C. Kosche's Hair Store, 55 Douglas St.

The Victoria News Co., stationers and booksellers, offers at very reasonable prices new stock Christmas Goods and Cards. R. T. Williams, manager, 86 Yates St.

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AUCTION SALES.—All Advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on Page 5.

Supreme Court Chambers.—Only a couple of applications came up in chambers yesterday morning. Of these, one for final judgment in the case of Strickland vs. K. & T. Co., had another adjournment added to the many that it has already enjoyed. The other was an application made by Mr. Schultz for letters of administration for the estate of the late Henry Rudge. The application was granted.

The Australian Flag.—There were displayed at the drill hall tonight in a conspicuous place over the band stand the first confederated Australian flag ever flown in Canada. It has been loaned for the occasion by Mr. Oscar Bass. The flag is white, and consists of the Union Jack in the upper right hand corner, and the Southern Cross in blue, representing the states of the Australian commonwealth. The New South Wales flag will also be displayed. It consists of a Union Jack with a blue field, in the centre of which is a Southern Cross in red, bearing a lion rampant and four white stars.

Christmas Donations.—The following donations for Christmas distribution are already thankfully acknowledged by the Christmas committee of the Friendly Help and will be distributed on Saturday. The society gave a substantial list to between 50 and 60 families last year, and are desirous of assisting as many this year in a like manner. About \$100 has been received in cash. Names of donors to appear later, and new clothing from St. John's Guild, Children's donations, K. and E. Andrew, L. E. McKicking, Gladys Hocking, Norman Hocking, P. and O. Vincent, Flossie Murry, Elsie Jule, St. John's Guild, Miss Rich, Mrs. Goppel, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. B. Gordon, Mrs. W. Andrew, Mrs. McKicking, Mrs. G. Powell, Mrs. J. Foreman, Miss E. Woods, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. G. Murry, Ben. Bishop Close, Jamieson Bros., groceries. The rooms will be open all day Friday, and Saturday to receive and distribute donations. The smallest will be thankfully received and prudently distributed.

United Service.—The Ministerial association has arranged for a "Century Dawn Service," which will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, this building being as central and convenient as any. The Rev. Leslie Clay will preside. The light Rev. Bishop Bridge, D. D., Rev. J. E. Vickert, M. A., Rev. H. S. Rowe, Rev. David Reid and Rev. D. MacIntyre will take part in the exercises. The order of the service, which is being printed in extenso, is now in the press. It will be largely responsive, the scripture passages being taken alternately by the congregation. It includes the apostles creed and Lord's prayer. Jackson's Te Deum has been selected by the committee as one of the musical items. The hymns are all well known, with familiar tunes. Ushers will be selected from the different churches, and these gentlemen will also take up the offertory, which is for the Protestant Orphanage. The various choir masters are asked to kindly make it convenient to meet in St. Andrew's church on Friday, December 28th, with as many members of their respective choirs as is possible, in order to practice together the Te Deum. All who have copies are asked to bring them. The order of service will be distributed in the church next Sunday. All the ministers of the association will be present, and a large gathering is confidently expected. The street cars will probably run late by special arrangement.

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## Deadman's Island Case

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Counsel For Dominion Give Preliminary History of Land in Dispute.

That bete noir of Vancouver politics, the Ludgate case, occupied Mr. Justice Martin at the court house all day yesterday. Eighteen months ago the suit of the province had been entered, disputing the title of the Dominion government to Deadman's island, and at last this week it was brought to trial. The parties interested are represented as follows: The Attorney-General of British Columbia, by Messrs. Duff and Lawson; the Attorney-General of Canada, by Mr. Fred. Peters, Q. C., and Fred. Howay, the agent for the Canadian government on the mainland; while the interests of the Ludgate Lodge, the Seattle mill man, who had leased the island from the Dominion government for \$500 a year, are being looked after by Mr. D. G. Macdonell, of Vancouver. By a curious coincidence, Mr. Duff, who now represents the province, was at an earlier stage of the action, been recognized, both by the Imperial and the Provincial authorities. In 1858, the year following the Fraser river gold excitement, the province was created, and Sir James Douglas appointed governor. By section 2 of his commission he was instructed as to the way in which he should exercise his powers as then given, as well as subsequently. Some time thereafter Col. Moody, with a body of Royal Engineers, was sent out. Col. Moody was described as chief commissioner of lands and works. When the Engineers were despatched certain instructions were given Sir James Douglas by the Colonial Secretary, apprising him of their mission, among other things to select a capital. When the Engineers arrived the capital was at Langley. This Col. Moody changed to New Westminster. In his letter home Col. Moody described the aptness of his choice for a military standpoint. He added that five miles from there was Burrard inlet, which could also be defended. Shortly afterwards he reserved Deadman's Island and Brockton Point.

In 1863 Corporal George Turner, of the ordnance department, and now of New Westminster, surveyed Burrard Inlet from Hastings along the shore, including Stanley park and Deadman's Island, to False creek. His field notes show the park and island marked off as a reserve. His plan was filed in the lands and works department, a copy being sent the governor and another filed with the inspector-general of fortifications in England. In 1878 the government of British Columbia published a return to the legislature of reserves in British Columbia, and in that schedule Deadman's Island and Stanley park were included. On the return opposite those names were the words "the entrance to the entrance to Burrard Inlet," thus admitting it as a reserve. Subsequently the Imperial government treated these as lands for military purposes.



## Local News.

Linen sale at the White House on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Sacred Concert.—A fairly large congregation gathered in St. Barnabas' church last evening for the service of song. The different numbers were very well rendered.

Death's Hand.—Mr. Charles M. S. Christie, aged 39 years, died at the residence of his brother, No. 140 North Chatham street, last evening. He was a native of York county, New Brunswick, where he leaves two brothers and one sister, also two brothers here. Deceased was a member of Pacific Lodge L. O. O. F., Vancouver. The funeral is arranged for Sunday afternoon, and will be under the auspices of the L. O. O. F.

Another New Industry.—Following close on the heels of cement works to be established at Sidney, comes news of the proposed building of lime kilns near Parnassus bridge, by a recently formed company, consisting of Messrs. Price Bros., John Day and several others. An abundance of the new industry has been found there, and the promoters of the new enterprise expect to build up quite a large business.

Practical Lesson.—Yesterday morning the pupils of the first division of the South Park school made a very pleasant visit to the British-American Soap and Paint Works. The scholars were escorted through the works by the companies' employees, who explained the various processes and showed the visitors every detail of the work.

New Telephone Company.—Notice is given by Messrs. Robertson and Ransom that they will apply at the next session of the legislature for an act to incorporate an electric light and telephone company to operate in the electoral districts of Victoria City, Esquimalt, North and South Victoria. No information has been forthcoming of the new company, other than the fact that reliable men are at the back of the enterprise.

Taken Over.—The government inspector of boilers, and the inspector for the city in charge of the work, having certified that the contract for the installation of the pumping plant at the North Dairy station, had been completed in a satisfactory manner, the same was yesterday accepted by the mayor, and the final payment ordered to be made to the Albion Iron Works company, the contractors for the work.

Society Lecture.—The last lecture for the year under the auspices of the Federated Board will be given at the A. O. U. W. Hall this evening, the subject being: "Some Things Fundamental to Citizenship," by Rev. A. B. Wainwright, M. A. The lecturer will no doubt render an interesting discourse, and the last opportunity is given to those wishing to hear him, as he leaves the same evening for Toronto. The new board will meet the first Friday in the new year, when the question of continuing these lectures will be taken up.

Pupils "At Home."—The pupils of the High school gave an "At Home" in the Pemberton gymnasium last evening. The gymnasium was very prettily decorated with flags and evergreens, and photographs of distinguished British generals adorned the walls. A large number of parents and friends of the pupils were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. On the platform were Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, and E. B. Paul, M. A., the principal of the High school. A very good programme was given as follows: Piano solo, Mr. F. Finch-Smith; piano solo, Miss A. Redfern; song, Mr. E. H. Russell; piano solo, Miss N. Wilson; recitation, Miss M. Tully; song, Miss L. Nute; piano solo, Miss R. Roberts; violin solo, Miss S. Shrago; song, Mr. E. H. Russell. Refreshments were served during the evening. The pupils will attend school this morning for the last time this year, when the promotion lists will be read.

Growing Business.—Mr. C. G. Wonder of Vancouver, arrived over from Seattle last night and is registered at the New England. Mr. Wonder has had a good deal to do with the Canadian milk trade of the province, and when asked by a reporter whether Kootenay took a carload a week of this sort of lactical, as was lately said at the recent meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, to be a fact, he smiled incredulously. The trade, he

## IN EVERY MINING CAMP

Dr. Chase's Ointment Finds a Hearty Welcome as a Cure for Chafing, Sore Feet, Itching Skin and Piles.

In the mining camps of British Columbia there is not a single preparation to be found that is so highly prized by the miners as Dr. Chase's Ointment, and no wonder, for it is specific for the very ailments from which the miner most frequently suffers.

From being continually on his feet and wearing heavy boots, nearly every miner suffers from chafing, sore and burning feet, a trouble which is promptly cured by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. The dampness to which the miner is exposed is conducive to itching piles, and for this torturing disease Dr. Chase's Ointment is the only actual and guaranteed cure obtainable.

To prove to every miner the wonderful soothing and healing merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment, we shall send a sample box, free of charge, to any miner sending his name and address and a two-cent stamp to pay postage. Mention this paper. Dr. Chase's Ointment, 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmansson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

said, was not nearly so large as that, but it was not it is important one. The Yukon country, too, demanded a great deal of this as well as of other sorts of canned goods, a great deal more of which should be forwarded both from Victoria and Vancouver. The freight rates, however, were the obstacle. Whether the C. P. R. or the American roads carried the goods west it did not matter. Seattle got 20 cents advantage on the freight rate per hundred, and so her merchants were able to occupy more than their share of the field.

Christmas Entertainment.—Santa Claus came to the children of Calvary Baptist church last night. The children, their parents and friends gathered in the church, where a well decorated Christmas tree had been placed, and to while away the time pending the arrival of Santa Claus, who from time to time sent telegrams to them to tell them of his journey, a programme was given, which was as follows: Chorus by the school; recitations by L. Brook Vaino, Jenny Kelly, Clyde Rodgers, Winnie Beckwith, Howard McNeill, Pearl Chance, Ray McNeil, Clifford Johns, Willie Hackett, Chas. Phipps, Hans Jepson and Harold Beck; solos by Bessie Ledingham, Hazel Morrison and Jenny Beatty, a dialogue by ten children of the school, quartettes and choruses by the boys and girls, the last being a parody on "Marching Through Georgia," "Santa Claus is Coming." When this had been given, Santa Claus came and gave candies and presents to the children. The children were also made up by Rev. Messrs. Vichert and McEwen.

Girls' Drill.—The girls of the Central school competed yesterday for a trophy presented by Col. Gregory, to the school for the unfavorable weather the drill took place in the old drill shed. This was unfortunate, for there was not much space for marching, and this is one of the best features of the girls' drill. There were seven companies in the competition, commanded by the following young ladies: No. 1 company, Miss Shanks; No. 2 company, Miss Lena Marks; No. 3 company, Miss McK. Smith; No. 4 company, Miss Buckett; No. 5 company, Miss E. Wood; No. 6 company, Miss Florence Royds; No. 7 company, Miss Morley. All the companies drilled surprisingly well, and the judge, Major Ross Monro, had no easy task to decide upon the winner. When the drill was finished, Major Monro announced that Companies No. 2 and No. 7 were tied and that they would have to go through the drill once more. When this was done, Major Monro announced No. 2 the winner. Lieut. Col. Gregory then addressed the girls, and they heard the marks for each company, which were out of a possible 65: No. 1, 55; No. 2, 61; No. 3, 58; No. 4, 55; No. 5, 57; No. 6, 58; No. 7, 61. He then complimented the captains of the different companies, and explained how they should give the different words of command. He was surprised to find how good the drill was; the young ladies had drilled better than he had often seen his regiment drill. Mr. St. Clair, the school instructor, deserved credit for the pains he has taken to teach the girls. The different commands were promptly obeyed and the manner in which the companies drilled shows thorough training.

## OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

School District for Ladysmith—Assayers Entitled to Practice.

Amongst the notices appearing in yesterday's issue of the B. C. Gazette is one emanating from the provincial secretary's office to the effect that the government offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of next week, the day before Christmas, and the day after Xmas; also on Monday of the week following, that is on the day before New Year's.

The following appointments have also been made: W. R. Williams, J. P., to be police magistrate; J. H. Walsh, Eugene Couture and Marshall Kington to be fence viewers in Northeast Kootenay.

Notice is also given of a sitting of the supreme court to be held for civil cases in Nelson on the 22nd of February next. A school section has been established at Ladysmith with the following boundaries:

Commencing on the shore of Oyster Harbor at a point six chains due east of the southern extremity of the Oyster district; thence due west to the western boundary of said district; thence due north 4-1/2 miles, more or less, to the southern boundary of North Oyster school district; thence due east to the upper extremity of Oyster Harbor; and thence along the shore line of Oyster harbor to the point of commencement.

Also, that the boundaries of Oyster school district is redefined as follows: Commencing at the eastern extremity of the southern boundary of Ladysmith school district, being a point on the shore of Oyster harbor; thence due west to the western boundary of Oyster district; thence due south to the northwest corner of Chemainus district; thence due east to the seashore; and thence northeast along the seashore to the point of commencement.

Certificates of efficiency in assaying have been issued as the result of the recent examination, to the following applicants under subsection 1:

Walter Bishop, Vancouver, B. C.; Geo. B. Church, Nelson; Colin Campbell, G. B. Francis, Vancouver, B. C.; Francis Hawkins, Vancouver, B. C.; Mark Rossland, W. C. Rogers, Vancouver, B. C.; Robert Cully, Trail; Frank Van Agnew, Nelson; Roland T. Wales, Trail; J. Campbell, Welch, Trail; W. A. Williams, Grand Forks; C. M. Wilson, Sandown.

Under subsection 2, Selwyn G. Blaylock, Fernie; George A. Clathie, Moyie; Geo. A. Guess, Greenwood; G. M. Hillier, Phoenix; Alex. Kaye, Atlin; John McMillan, Rossland; John M. Vear, Atlin; Samuel Ferguson; Howard West, New Denver.

Under subsection 3, Henry Harris, Nelson; Alex. McKillop, Nelson.

Certificates of incorporation have been issued to the Avon Mining and Milling company, Comoxworth Mines, Ltd., and the White Water Gold Mining company; also a license to the extra-provincial company, the Cariboo Trading company.

Amongst the private bills notices and applications to incorporate the B. C. Mining Association, the Kootenay Central Railway company, the Vancouver-Grand Forks railway, a telephone and power

company at and near Victoria; also to amend the Kamloops & Atlin Railway Act, 1900, the Columbia & Western Railway Act, 1890, and the Cariboo Railway company's act of 1894.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills. If they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

## MILITARY BALL.

Men of the Fifth Regiment Complete Decoration of Drill Hall.

There were very few flags in the city that were not to be seen last night at the Drill hall. Private individuals, business houses and hotels, the sailing schooners and the shipping companies had all gladly placed their bits of bunting at the disposal of the soldier decorators, while for their wants the rigid doors of the navy yard and the bunting closets of the warehouse had also been thrown open. There must have been wagon loads of them, and there certainly was a little army of men to put them up. The ornamenting occupied a great deal of work, but Company Sergeant Major Short, who had it in charge, will doubtless be most graciously commended on the happy results achieved. All round the walls are covered with bunting and flags. At the west end of the drill hall a huge royal standard displays the lions and harps, while all around, Canadian flags, red ensigns, union jacks, stars and stripes and many other national flags add color to the same. 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### THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 20, 5 p.m.

**SYNOPSIS.**

An area of low barometer covers the western portion of the continent, a marked depression overlying the province, its centre, 20.19 inches, being in Cariboo. Yesterday's storm was widespread and high wind velocities are reported from many points to the east and south. Temperature to-day has been above normal west of the ranges and the hours having fallen at Euroka, Cal. Present conditions indicate westerly winds, diminishing in force and somewhat cooler temperature.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	47	53
New Westminster	46	50
Kamloops	42	48
Calgary	30	34
Winnipeg	20	24
Portland, Ore.	50	50
San Francisco, Cal.	52	62

**FORECASTS.**

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Friday.

Victoria and vicinity: Decreasing winds, mostly from south and west; unsettled, with rain; stationary or lower temperature, ature.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate southerly winds; unsettled and mild, with rain.

**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 20.**

Deg. Mean.....47

5 a.m.....49 Highest.....53

Noon.....49 Lowest.....47

5 p.m.....50 Direction of the wind

were as follows:

5 a.m.....20 miles east.

Noon.....8 miles southwest.

5 p.m.....20 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Rainy.

Rain—73 inch.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....20.108

Corrected.....20.218

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....20.20

**COUNTY COURT.**

The December Sitting Held Yesterday—

Only Two Cases.

County court opened yesterday morning before Mr. Justice Drake. But two cases were called. In each instance some evidence was taken and an adjournment made until this morning, in order that more might be procured.

Taylor vs. Jensen is a case arising out of a \$234 J. Taylor suit. This particular money-box had travelled around quite a lot. Messrs. J. W. Sinclair, Anderson and others had kept their treasures in it before it reached the Dawson hotel, where Mr. Jensen took it over with the other fittings and furnishings of the house. Under this conditional contract the safe company's agent is now attempting to regain possession.

The other case is one arising out of Chinese usury. Kung Kin Chin sues Yee Yick for \$300 and interest at the celestial rate of 4 per cent. per month, the whole amounting to \$888. The evidence was punctuated with the slaughter of sundry fowls. Some difficulty, however, arose over the interpretation of the Chinese promissory note, and an adjournment until this morning was accordingly ordered.

The morning's sitting of the court met with a somewhat curious interruption. A drayman wanting to find one of the lawyers lost himself amid the intricacies of the new court house. Taking a wrong turning and using a wrong door, he mounted the stairs before him, pushed up a trap-door and, showing his head and his inches above the railing of the prisoners' dock. Doubtless he was surprised, but so too was the court and everybody in it, and when the errand carrier said he wanted to get out but did not know how, even the fee that loomed up so suggestively could not keep some of the professional faces straight.

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**Alaska Exploration Co. to Establish Million Dollar Car Service.**

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Capitalists are preparing to establish a street car service and build machine shops in Dawson. That they believe Dawson and the Klondike is not a passing country is shown by the fact that the Alaska Exploration Company, a syndicate capitalized in England, has laid plans before the Yukon council which map out the building of a million dollar line of street railways through the main street of Dawson and out to the creeks, and the Alaska Commercial Company propose to build machine shops and boat-building plants. The Yukon council is favorable to the plans of the Alaska Exploration Company, but there is a section in opposition. The proposed investment of such large sums of money in street car transportation lines and machine shops in Dawson is good news to Victoria merchants, for, as is the growth of the interior town, so will be the growth of the business done by Victorians in the Yukon, if the proper steps are taken to have transportation facilities and make arrangements for the trade.

The Dawson papers maintain that the Klondike capital is more prosperous than ever before in its history. While they admit that there are fewer people there now than a year ago, it is claimed that the people have more money per capita now than then. Referring to this phase of the situation there, the Dawson Nugget says:

"If the number of men now hanging around the numerous resorts of Dawson is to be taken as a basis on which to estimate the population of the city, there are not so many people here as at this time last year. It will be remembered that a year ago every club room in the city, and there were fully as many then, was packed to its full capacity every afternoon and night by a non-playing, hungry-looking crowd, many of

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whom, after hanging around a good part of the winter, either went to Nome or worked a short time on the creeks, after which they floated down the river in small boats.

While the city is by no means free from loafers at present, the proprietors of the resorts assert that the number is much less than a year ago, and a larger per cent. of the loafers have more money than had those of last winter. A dealer for whom this makes the third winter here is authority for the statement that playing is better now than it was a year ago, although there is not so much plunging by the would-be bloods as there was then.

"On the whole, Dawson is in much better condition in every respect than she was at this time last year. All kinds of supplies are plentiful, and while the quality is vastly superior, as a rule, to that of the stock of supplies of any winter in the previous history of the country.

"It is a fact, however, that there is little apparent reduction in the cost of living. In fact, many of the things are higher now than a year ago, and out very few articles can be named on which the selling price has been lowered."

J. A. Rouse, a late arrival from Dawson, says: "The Klondike is becoming more of a summer camp each year. The importation of machinery and the development of summer diggings has transferred the working season of the interior from the winter to the summer.

"Activity will begin again about the 1st of February. The mines will then commence the work of preparation for the summer work. The prospects are that there will be more work done next year than ever before in the Yukon. The Klondike is a first-class mining camp, and its permanence is assured."

At the present, though, there seems to be no question but that the labor market in the interior has an abundant supply. A man of much experience in the North, recently arrived, says that laboring men can only find work on developed property. The expansion of the Yukon will come from the development and discovery of new properties. There is no doubt that the discoveries already made will in a short time give employment for many times the present population of the interior country, but many of the very best districts have not been sufficiently developed to furnish a demand for labor.

That the supply of laborers has temporarily exceeded the demand does not indicate that the Yukon is a country to stay away from. There are more laboring men employed in the Yukon now than ever before, and each season will witness an increased demand. The country is teeming with miners, and the mining properties will soon demand labor on both sides of the international boundary. The surplus of laborers can, in the nature of things, be only temporary.

But the fact that the labor market is temporarily over-supplied does not mean that the Yukon is a mining country. No section of the world offers such inducements to mining men and prospectors. There are prospects innumerable that could be developed by men of sufficient means to buy a grubstake, and there are many fields already known to be rich in minerals and provisions sufficient to test and prove the worth of his claim. The advantages offered by the Yukon to the young man seeking a fortune are as great now as they were three years ago, when the stampede that startled the world was at its height.

The fact of so many crown claims having been sold should, in the opinion of some of the returned Klondikers, give an impetus to prospecting. The crown sales in Dawson, but recently concluded, brought \$60,000, and for this 13,000 receipts were written. The number of claims sold exceeded the number of receipts, as some parties bought several claims and only took one receipt.

The highest price paid for a single claim was \$900, for No. 22 below on Dominion, while some fractions on Gold Run sold as low as \$2 each.

At Skagway too, the march of progress is so rapid that the big Moore wharf, at which the C. P. N. steamers land, is to be greatly enlarged, and when completed will be over a fifth of a mile in length. The warehouse accommodation is to be greatly increased and facilities provided for discharging cargoes. The remodeling and extension of the wharf has been made necessary to accommodate the many additional vessels promised for next summer on the northern run. The improvements will cost \$10,000 and will give a water frontage along the combined wharves of the Moore and rail-

road companies of 1,170 feet, sufficient to accommodate five large vessels at one time.

The Skagway News looks with alarm though at the increased facilities for travel and the movement of freight, placing the question of Skagway losing her trade with the rapid passing of the men and goods through her city before its leaders. Skagway will, it hints, be nothing more than a transfer place en route.

The assessment rolls have just been completed at Skagway. The heaviest taxpayer in Skagway will be the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co. Following is the separate valuations as returned by the assessor: Railway tracks and right of way, \$40,000; machine shops, round house, etc., \$20,000; coal bunkers, \$25,000; depot and headquarters, \$10,000; warehouses, \$9,000; total, \$104,000.

Moore's wharf comes next with an assessed valuation of \$40,000. The Pacific Coast wharf goes at \$20,000; the Sylvester wharf at \$10,000, and the S. & S. property at \$7,500. The Fifth avenue hotel property is also listed at \$7,500.

**POINT ELLIOT BRIDGE.**

Sir,—I understand from headline several editions of your paper that the reason the Victoria & Esquimalt Railway Co. do not improve their service to Esquimalt by putting on heavier cars is because the city council considers the Point Elliot bridge safe to carry them. I should like, if possible, to find out through your columns from the city council what load the assessor has placed on the Point Elliot bridge safe to carry them. I should like to know how many tons are considered safe to allow on the present cars. It is evident that between the smaller cars that are considered safe and the larger cars, that are not considered safe, the margin of safety must be very small, and it is like that usually allowed on wooden bridges.

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